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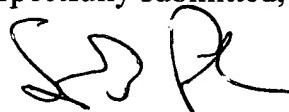
*V8 (413)* After the title, insert - This is a division of Patent Application serial number  
*Now US Patent 6,583,716*  
09/251,183, filing date 2/17/99, Top Layers Of Metal For High Performance Ic's,  
assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

**REMARKS**

A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this  
Divisional Patent Application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the  
subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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